

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Steven L. Harlan, M.D., a 48 year-old dermatologist practicing in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Harlan was charged by the Board for failing to appropriately delegate and/or supervise medical services provided by another healthcare practitioner. Dr. Harlan was issued a Citation and Warning, ordered to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and ordered to attend a Board-approved ethics program.

Susan K. Repertinger, M.D., a 36 year-old physician from Omaha, Nebraska, had the indefinite suspension of her Iowa resident medical license lifted by the Board. On December 12, 1996, the Board filed charges against Dr. Repertinger alleging she was unable to practice medicine safely and skillfully due to a physical or mental disability and on May 22, 1997, her Iowa resident medical license was suspended indefinitely. The Board recently voted to lift the suspension because the basis for the suspension no longer exists. The Board cited Dr. Repertinger for engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient at the time of the earlier disciplinary action. Although the suspension was lifted, Dr. Repertinger does not have a current Iowa resident medical license as she is no longer participating in a residency program in Iowa.